

# Yorkshire Day Fact File

The Yorkshire Ridings Society was formed in 1974, to campaign for recognition of the fact that the Ridings of Yorkshire were *not* abolished by local government changes.



On 1<sup>st</sup> August 1975 the Society established Yorkshire Day to celebrate Yorkshire's identity and heritage.



August 1<sup>st</sup> was chosen as it has special significance in the County's history. On this date in 1759, soldiers in Yorkshire regiments who had fought in the battle of Minden in Germany, picked roses from the nearby fields as a tribute to their fallen comrades.



On Yorkshire Day the Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity is read at the 4 Bars (Gates) of York starting at Micklegate Bar (West Riding) at 11.40am (2015), followed by Bootham Bar (North Riding) Monk Bar (City) and Walmgate Bar (East Riding).



The time changes by one minute each year to coincide with the number of years since the first written reference to the Ridings of York in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles of 876. It is read in the four languages used in the area since that time. Latin, Old Norse, Old English, and Modern English.

To show pride in Yorkshire many people wear a Yorkshire rose.



The Society's North Riding Group was formed in 1997 and has raised over £6000 for local charities. Currently proceeds from the sales of white roses sold on Yorkshire day go to the Redcar Lifeboat and Zetland Lifeboat Museum.

## ***The Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity 2015***

### ***YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:***

*I (your name) being resident in the (East/North/West) Riding of Yorkshire declare:*

*that Yorkshire is three Ridings & the City of York with these boundaries of 1140 years standing;*

*that the address of all places in these Ridings is Yorkshire;*

*that all persons born therein or resident therein and loyal to the Ridings are Yorkshire men and women;*

*That any person or corporate body which deliberately ignores or denies the aforementioned shall forfeit all claim to Yorkshire status.*

*These declarations made this Yorkshire Day 2015.*

**Yorkshire for ever!**

**God save the Queen!**

# Why Counties are important

The counties of Great Britain are fundamental to our culture. Older than cathedrals, more historic than stately homes, counties are basic to our life.

Their names belong to the ground we tread. They are an indelible part of our history. They are important cultural entities. Organisations galore are based on them.

Above all else, the counties are places where people live and are proud to come from. They provide us with a stable geography.

<http://abcounties.com>

## YORKSHIRE RIDINGS SOCIETY Membership Form

Title.....Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone No.....

Email.....

Please complete and send this form to:  
YRS Membership Secretary,  
6 Parklands Walk, Shelley, Huddersfield,  
West Riding of Yorkshire, HD8 8JW.  
Tel 01484 603045

Email: [membership@yorkshireridings.org](mailto:membership@yorkshireridings.org)

Membership is £10 per annum

Cheques payable - Yorkshire Ridings Society

[www.yorkshireridings.org](http://www.yorkshireridings.org)

# Be properly Addressed

If you live in Yorkshire between the River Humber and the River Tees, between the Pennines and the sea, whichever local government area, always use Yorkshire as part of your postal address.

## Yorkshire Anthems to sing on Yorkshire Day

Sing a song of Yorkshire, from the Humber to the Tees  
Of horses, wool and terriers, of pudding and of cheese  
I know no other county where the land is quite so fine  
England's lovely county. And I'm proud to call it mine

Doreen Brigham

## ON ILKLEY MOOR BAHT 'AT (Traditional English - Yorkshire)

Wheear 'as ta bin sin ah saw thee,  
On Ilkla Moor baht 'at?!  
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On Ilkla Moor baht 'at?!  
On Ilkla Moor baht 'at?!  
On Ilkla Moor baht 'at?!

Tha's been a cooartin' Mary Jane  
Tha's gonna 'catch thi deeath o'cowd  
Then we shall have to bury thee  
Then t'worms 'll come and eat thee oop  
Then ducks 'll come and eat oop t'worms  
Then we shall go an' ate oop ducks  
Then we shall all 'ave etten thee  
That's wheer we get us oahn back

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